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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MURAD, HOWARD

Examiner

Vickie Kim

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 28-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 28-50 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                      | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                      |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
  - I. Claims 28-40, drawn to a composition comprising hydrogen peroxide; a hydrophilic moisturizing agent; a hydrophobic moisturizing agent ; an exfoliant; and an anti-inflammatory agent, classified in class 514, subclass 714, 616, 739, and more +.
  - II. Claims 41-50, drawn to a method of managing skin condition using the composition of group I, classified in class 514, subclass 714, 616, 739 and more+.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions I and II are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product. See MPEP § 806.05(h). In the instant case, the invention of group II can be practiced with materially different product such as a combination of polyhydric alcohol and anti-oxidants, retinoids, anti-inflammatory agents as evidenced by numerous patent and non-patent literature, see US 4540572 as supporting document.
3. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required

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because the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

***Election of species***

1. Upon the election of patentably distinct invention, applicant is further required to elect a patentably distinct species:

- a. Exfoliant(Claims 34-37): an enzymatic exfoliant, an mono-hydroxyacid, a polyhydroxyacid, an alphahydroxy acid, a beta-hydroxyacid, tannic acid, glycolic acid, lactic acid, citric acid or salicylic acid.
- b. skin condition(claim 42) such as rosacea, acne, etc.
- c. Second dermatological agent(claims 44-46) such as ibuprofen, panthenol, etc.

Because a combination drug is not obvious over a combination drug containing different materials(species) under USC 103, a combination drug is considered to be a patentably distinct over other combination drug.

2. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single disclosed species (i.e. a specific combination) to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species.

MPEP § 809.02(a).

### ***Conclusion***

1. No claim is allowed.
2. All pending claims are subject to restriction/election requirement.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vickie Kim whose telephone number is 571-272-0579.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Hartley be reached on 571-272-0616. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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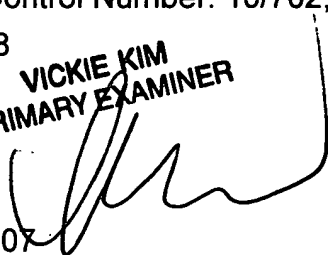
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**VICKIE KIM**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

Vickie Kim

March 30, 2007

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vickie Kim', is written over the printed name and date. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping 'V' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.